

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
November 19, 2014 Action Results

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on November 19th, 2014,
at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair
Mark Tompert, Vice Chair
Cheryl Anderson
Colleen Byron
Karen Frias-Long
Frank Johnson
Cliff Moon
Lu Ann Schmidt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Liuzzo
Talmage Pearce
Nadia Taylor

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate
Deanna Cantrell
Ruth Giese

GUESTS

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap began the meeting at 6:00pm.

2. Items from Citizens Present.*

There were no citizens who requested to speak.

3. Approval of minutes from the October 22nd, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Tompert to approve the October 22nd, 2014 meeting minutes, Ms. Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Report.

- Report on police related incidents and activities.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Youth Diversity Education Team Sub-Committee.

- Provide an update on expanding youth involvement with the Community Cinema Series.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on Diversity Youth Survey in order to explore ways to connect with youth and educate them on diversity related issues.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

*Supporting data is available for public review in the Diversity and Neighborhood Outreach Office,
20 E. Main St., Suite 250, Mesa, Arizona 85211-1466 (480) 644-5034*

- Provide an update on exploring and assessing whether bullying is an issue in Mesa.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Hear, and discuss on items presented by the Disabilities Action Team Sub-Committee.

- Provide an update on the housing opportunities provided by the City of Mesa for people with disabilities.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on town hall meetings to educate the community, business, and leadership on mental health and substance abuse issues.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on the need for and feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on the ways to evaluate the adequacy of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of ADA.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Discuss consider and take action on participation in 2015 Mesa MLK Jr. Celebration Events.

- MLK Dinner to be held on January 17th, 2015 at 6pm.
- MLK Parade to be held on January 19th, 2015 in Downtown Mesa from 11am-12pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Tompert to participate in the 2015 Mesa MLK Jr. Celebration events, Ms. Frias-Long seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider and take action on participation in 2015 Regional Unity Walk.

A motion was made by Ms. Byron to participate in the 2015 Unity Walk, Mr. Moon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Hear, discuss and take action on conferences and/or meetings.

- Regional HRC Meeting scheduled for January 12th, 2015 from 5-7pm at ASU's Sky Song, Building 3-Synergy II, suite 135.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

10. Discuss and take action on scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next meeting will be held on January 28th, 2014.
- Presentation by Bev Tittle-Baker on the Care Partners work in Mesa.

The board agreed to hear this presentation in March.

- Presentation by Chief Heston Slibert on the Anti-Defamation League work on hate crimes.

The board agreed to hear this presentation in February.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator